

**Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation
December 15, 2009
Salem School
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Dick Asafaylo, Jim Choquette, Monica McIntyre, Dinis Pimentel, Jenifer Lee, Donna Leake

ABSENT: Don Bourdeau, Mike Siebert, Horace Lindo, Chris LaRose, Stuart Gadbois, B. Weinschenker

GUESTS: Chuck Boos, Dan Kung

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

M/S/C (Choquette/Lee) to approve the November 24, 2009 minutes. Vote: Yes-3 No-0 Abstain-2 (M. McIntyre, D. Asafaylo.)

D. Pimentel: Reviewed presentation and background information. D. Asafaylo commented the presentation needed to be clearer.

D. Pimentel- Reviewed data and project costs.

D. Asafaylo: BC should use Capital Budget Numbers directly from BOE.

C. Boos: Explains reimbursement rates from State.

D. Pimentel: Ed. specs call for three classes per grade, a new school would only have two or otherwise have space penalties that reduce reimbursement.

The committee discussed ed. specs versus what the State would pay for which would not meet ed. specs.

D. Asafaylo: Getting past the Town meeting to a referendum will not be easy because the BOE budget is perceived to be too high already.

D. Leake: If the Town believes the budget is too high, how could the Town ever support duplicating staff at two schools?

The committee discussed the costs of operating a new school versus renovation and capital plan.

D. Leake: Go through the process the committee went through to get recommendation.

C. Boos: Discussed project costs now versus the future.

M. McIntyre: Problems with building need to be addressed to the public.

The committee discussed about selling to public what the problems are, what must be done now and why. They also discussed the cost of doing nothing and only addressing problems as they arise.

D. Asafaylo: Reviewed how he believes the presentation should go- lay out problems and then let the audience ask questions.

D. Pimentel: Need to solidify presentation with small committee groups. C. Boos suggested a group in New Britain to help with material and answers.

D. Pimentel: Bill= numbers. J. Choquette, D. Asafaylo, D. Kung to New Britain? Group to feed information for New Britain group to meet by the end of this week. Friday December 18th at 9:00 A.M. in Salem School conference room, Monday at 10 A.M. to New Britain.

Next meeting is January 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (Choquette/Lee) to adjourn. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenifer Lee